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## BRIEFS

**Garage sale to benefit 'Up 'til Dawn'**

"Up 'til Dawn" will begin its fundraising efforts with a garage sale from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Newman Catholic Center at 606 College Ave.

Merchandise sold includes furniture, electronics, clothing, home accessories and other merchandise. The organization is comprised of members of other student organizations.

"Up 'til Dawn" consists of several fundraising activities to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

Northwest organizers set a goal to raise \$75,000 this year.

For more information call Greek Life Coordinator Angel McAdams Prescott at 562-1226 or e-mail angel@nwmissouri.edu.

**Athletic Training to hold Family Weekend 5K**

The Northwest Athletic Training 5K Walk/Run/Roll will be held Saturday, Sept. 29.

Registration begins at 7 a.m. at the Lampkin Activities Center Circle Drive. The race begins at 7:30 a.m.

This event is part of Family Weekend. There will be a \$15 registration fee and a T-shirt is included.

Participants can walk, run, bike or rollerblade the course.

**Community Service Fair rescheduled**

The Community Service fair originally scheduled for Tuesday will now take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today.

Several not-for-profit organizations and student organizations will pass out information about how students can get involved.

For more information call Volunteer Services at 562-1954 or the Campus Activities Office at 562-1226.

**Young nominated for 'News Story of Year'**

Northwest Missourian Managing Editor Evan Young has been named a finalist for the Associated Collegiate Press's Story of the Year.

He was nominated for a story he wrote about the fatal fire at Carson Apartments fire in February.

The winner will be announced on Saturday, Oct. 27 at the National College Media Convention in Washington D.C.

**Student Regent applications available**

Applications for the Student Regent are due Wednesday Sept. 26 to the Student Senate Office.

Applications can be picked up in the Student Senate office in the J.W. Jones Student Union or the Student Services Center in the Administration Building.

Applicants must be a Missouri resident, have at least a 2.5 GPA and have at least two years left at Northwest.

For more information contact Andrea Garcia in the Student Senate office at 562-1218.

**CALENDAR****Thursday**

Booth College Awards ceremony

Late Night at the Union, Movie Night, 10 p.m.

**Friday**

Soccer vs. Emporia State, 2 p.m.

**Saturday**

C-BASE, 8 a.m., Third floor Colden Hall

Soccer vs. Washburn, 2 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Central, 5 p.m.

Football vs. Truman State, 1 p.m.

**Monday**

Last date for 25 percent refund

**Tuesday**

Student payday

Visiting Writers, 7 p.m. Ballroom

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## VOLUNTEERING



## BRUSH beautifies community during 5th year



(top left) MEGAN SWITZER (left) AND Cara Smith (right) volunteer their time for BRUSH last Saturday. (above) DOMINO'S PIZZA SPONSORED BRUSH in their effort to upkeep two houses in Maryville, providing refreshments to the volunteers. (below) DAVE SCHMIDT, a loan officer at US Bank, headed up a crew of roughly 30 volunteers on Saturday that painted and repaired a house on West First Street.

## Nearly 100 volunteers spent their Saturday helping improve two Maryville residences

By Lindsay Jacobs  
University News Editor

On a crisp Saturday, many volunteered to improve two homes in Maryville.

The fifth annual Beautifying Residences Using Student Help (BRUSH) brought out 100 volunteers. Two site supervisors were also included in the number. Booth College Dean Tom Billesbach and Dave Schmidt, U.S. Bank Maryville and Tarkio Banks Vice President and Missouri Markets served as site managers.

First Lady Aleta Hubbard founded BRUSH in 2002. Usually 170 volunteers turn out to help, but Volunteer Services Coordinator Amy Nally speculated numbers were down because of the football game and baseball scrimmage.

The homeowners were selected by application and picked by a committee of six, Nally said. This year's homes were at 522 E. First Street and 721 W. First Street. The owners of the homes are Altha Bird and Bessie Profit.

The paint on Bird's house had begun to peel off. She applied to have her house painted by BRUSH.

"I thought I would take advantage of it if they wanted to do it for me," she said.

See BRUSH on A6



## COMMUNITY PROFILE

## Taxi driver, vacuum repairman gets fill of gossip during daily duties

By Dominic Genetti  
Senior Reporter

Closing his cell phone with a loud snap, Steven Swaim drops everything and jumps into his old rearview Oldsmobile.

Serving the Maryville community as a vacuum repairman and local taxi driver, Swaim says life is easier being his own boss.

"My father worked for himself, his father worked for himself and clear on back before this country was a country," Swaim said. "I see no reason to break the chain."

Tall, bald and middle-aged, Swaim, who has lived his whole life in Maryville, is a former discount store assistant manager. He owns the Vacuum Center on East Third

Street and acquired his cab company in 1985.

"I was getting tired of being a wage slave," he said. "(Discount store employees) basically have two bosses, the customer and the employer, me I just have one, so I just eliminated half the hassle right there."

Customers vary in age's young and old. Some may need a ride to the doctor, others may need a lift to the store, but regardless the destination Swaim keeps busy.

Thursdays tend to have their busy moments, but Fridays are always busy, he said. There's not a week that goes by that Swaim isn't filled with his taxi duties.

"Sometimes you have a bad day or something, but generally you're in good shape," he said.

Next to providing rides to his customers, Swaim said his primary enjoyment comes from discussing rumors with his patrons.

"If I don't hear two or three rumors in a day, I assume the whole day is a total bust," Swaim said. "Most of them go in one ear and out the other."

Rumors surrounding a possible Starbucks and Taco Bell in Maryville have often been the topics of conversations.

Operating his cab service until 10 p.m., Swaim said time varies when he settles down each evening.

When he's not fixing vacuums and lending rides, Swaim said he spends his time relaxing, watching movies.

See TAXI on A6

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

## Family Weekend kicks off with Jim Wand, hypnotist

By Tara Adkins  
Features Editor

You may do somersaults. You may act like a dog performing unique pet tricks. You may even eagerly participate in a national kissing contest. And you will do it all in your sleep.

With just a snap of his fingers, he can make you do the unimaginable as the master over your mind.

Northwest's Student Activities Council presents hypnotist Jim Wand at 8 p.m., Friday, Sept. 28, in the Charles Johnson Theater. The show will kick off Northwest's annual Family Day weekend.

"Hopefully, it will be a good show for the family weekend and will bring in a good audience," said Sarah Smith, SAC graduate assistant.

Wand has been involved in hypnosis for more than 20 years after it saved him from obesity. As a freshman in college, Wand struggled with his weight until a friend referred him to a hypnotist to help him commit to losing the weight. After the hypnosis, Wand lost 65 pounds in six months as he discovered the power of the mind.

"I definitely look forward to laughter, merriment and fun when I do my shows and I always want the audience to leave there wanting more," Wand said.

With a doctorate in psychology, Wand opened his own practice of clinical hypnotherapy until he utilized his mind skills for entertainment.

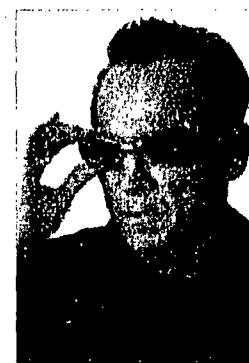
Wand has made countless subconscious minds come alive in more than 5,000 engagements. He has worked with prominent personalities including Jay Leno, Chris Rock, Larry the Cable Guy and Carrot Top and made several appearances on the Discovery Channel, Comedy Central, FOX, ABC, NBC and CBS.

"A lot of hypnotists get stuck in their own show but I try to keep things fresh, timely and upbeat so I tailor my show to my audience," Wand said.

Wand currently works seven days a week on his hypnosis show in Las Vegas and as founder of Wand Enterprises, a professional hypnosis agency.

"I'm really looking forward to coming to Northwest and I hope to add a different dimension to the family weekend," Wand said.

The show is open to the public and is free, but tickets are required and will be provided at the door. For more information, call SAC at 562-1226 or visit [hypnotism.com/JimWand.html](http://hypnotism.com/JimWand.html).



Jim Wand  
hypnotist

## POLK TOWNSHIP

## Zoning issue stirs debate in town

By Sean Comei  
Community News Editor

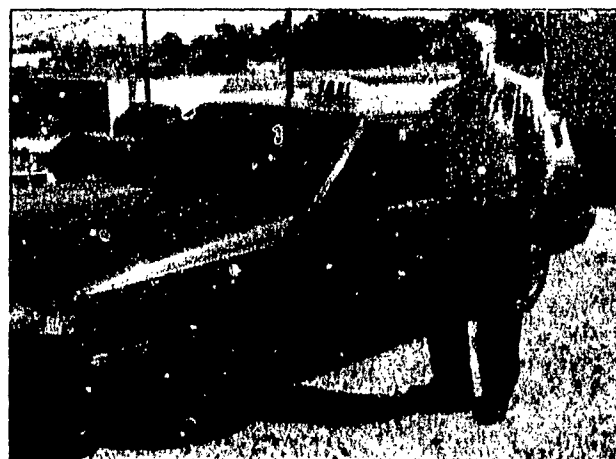
A disputed request for re-zoning has left developers and local officials at odds, zoning definitions in question and building regulations under fire.

The debate surrounds an 8.8-acre tract of land on South Mulberry Street that lies within Polk Township but also borders Maryville. The Polk Township Planning and Zoning Committee approved a request from property owners Diane Higdon, Ben Scott and Tammie Schneider to re-zone the property from its agricultural designation to a C-2 commercial zone.

The Planning and Zoning committee had previously denied a request to change the zoning to an M-1 light manufacturing area permitting warehousing, wholesaling and storage of any commodity except junk or salvage, as well as operation of freight terminals, according to Polk Township zoning regulations.

Higdon, co-owner of Lifetime Packing, purchased

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STEVEN SWAIM, 54, has been operating his cab company since 1985. Aside from being a taxi driver, Swaim owns the Vacuum Center on East Third Street.







OUR VIEW

## Media week reminds us to appreciate our rights

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

In just 45 words, the First Amendment provides Americans with a number of freedoms—freedoms that perhaps we take for granted every now and then.

In case you haven't heard, this week is Student Media week at Northwest. Other than reading the *Northwest Missourian* online or in our print edition, maybe you've picked up the Tower yearbook, listened to x106.7 KZZL, watched Channel 8 KNWT or visited Heartland View online.

Every school year student volunteers and employees bring these programs and publications to you. Maybe you've sat at a few desks down from the editor who spent all weekend writing and laying out a page dedicated to your organization, or maybe you watched your classmate give commentary on the latest Bearcat game on Channel 8.

Not only do these students provide a service, they gain valuable, portfolio-building experience, which in turn, helps them attain internships and jobs.

One of the main objectives of Student Media Week is to raise awareness about the First Amendment rights that Americans should enjoy. Without the rights guaranteed to us in the First Amendment, members of the media would not be able to report accurate news and be governmental watchdogs.

It's easy to take them for granted. You wake up every morning to find a newspaper on the doorstep, news on the TV and radio or your favorite magazines laying on your coffee table. Imagine living in a United States where these everyday luxuries are heavily censored or not even available at all.

While the idea of a media-less society may sound a bit far-fetched to the average American, it's certainly worth considering and is a reality for people of other nations, such as North Korea and China.

So the next time you pick up that *USA Today* or flip to CNN, remember the 45 words that give you the right to do so.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the UNO Bullpen:

Congrats on winning the NW-UNO game!

I would like to make a huge suggestion for the future of your stadium though. I'd suggest having separate sections for Mavericks and Bearcats in the future. I don't believe it is right for security to tell Bearcats fans to sit down, because Bearcats fans don't want to stand up for their team during the game.

I have been to a lot of games, including several away games, and this game, by far, was the worst game I have ever been to. It wasn't even bad because we lost, heck, I haven't even had the chance to think about the fact that we lost yet, because I have been so aggravated about not being able to stand up for my team.

From the very beginning of the game, I was being yelled at by "so called Maverick fans" to sit down, because they couldn't see the game. Whose fault is that? They could have seen just fine if they would have stood up. I couldn't concentrate the whole game because they kept yelling and calling security over. I did listen to security officer No. 1 who told us to sit down or stand by the fence. I went down to the fence, but couldn't see the game, so I went to the little area where our Bearcat fans were able to stand up and was standing in the aisle because all the "seats" were taken. Security officer No. 2 told us to go back to our seats and we could stand up there. Although I was aggravated about having to move again, I completely agreed with this guy, because we shouldn't be standing in the aisle, and we did have the right to stand up in our seats. I went back to my

Brent Carr,  
Robin Barr



MY VIEW

## Democrats should put partisanship aside

Last week President George Bush addressed the nation regarding the situation in Iraq. Bush's speech followed the testimony of the Multi-National Force-Iraq Commander, Gen. David Petraeus.

In the address, Bush laid out his plan to begin a withdrawal of some American forces. According to Bush, this withdrawal is now possible because his troop surge a few months ago helped stabilize the fledgling government in Iraq.

The president said over 5,000 troops will return home by December. Furthermore, Petraeus will again testify before Congress in March 2008 and by July there will be a 25 percent reduction of American troops in Iraq.

Immediately following Bush's message to the nation, Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI), in a swift and deliberate manner, completely undermined the president's entire assessment of our evolving mission in Iraq.

Like it or not, we are at war here folks. It does not matter what



Sarah York and Jeff Kanger  
Guest Columnists

party the president is. You do not undermine your commander-in-chief by going on TV and pledging to the world that you will do all you can to stop George Bush's Debate in the House and Senate all you want. Cut troop funding if you dare. However, do not provide propaganda for the insurgents to use against Americans.

In Sen. Reed's rebuttal to the president's address, he referred several times to the Democrats' "plan" to withdraw all troops from Iraq. He never offered any details on the supposed plan, but he did

call for immediate withdrawal of troops, and in the same breath he urged our military to train the Iraqi security forces. Well Sen. Reed, how do you propose we finish training the security forces with no troops there to train them? Do we simply pack up and leave behind nice instructional videotapes, or perhaps some pamphlets with pretty diagrams?

The point is the Democrats want everyone out now. They call it "redefining" the mission. We call it surrender.

The Democrats have been waiting for months for a timetable. Let's recap: 5,000 troops home by December, Petraeus reports in March, and 25 percent reduction by July. Smells like a timetable to us!

Now, this would be an incomplete and inaccurate column if criticism wasn't evenly distributed. While we disagree with the concept of a "rebuttal" and the idea of an immediate and complete pullout, we also disagree with the inaction of President Bush.

It was refreshing to hear the president address the nation and

succinctly layout where we have been and where we are going, but it is long overdue. Bush should have been doing this since the very beginning.

As the Iraq war became less popular, the president became less visible. It does not matter if the only people who approve of your job are your mother and father...you still need to let the American people know what the plan is. Perhaps we weren't informed because there was no plan, and for that there is no excuse.

We are not defending the president's mistakes over the last four years, nor are we denying that there has been some mismanagement of the Iraq war at home. We are, however, condemning the rebuttal by the Democrats. This shouldn't be a partisan issue, it's an American issue.

It is often said that history will judge us. History books will not say that Republicans won the war in Iraq. They won't say the Democrats won. They will, however, say that America won the war in Iraq through the collected and unified support of its citizens.

MY VIEW

## New attorney general will straighten out administration

Arguably one of the most important cabinet positions, the spot for attorney general, is open once again in the George Bush administration after the embarrassing resignation of former U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales.

However, instead of going with a more conservative choice, the nomination is going to someone with vast experience in the legal spectrum, Michael Mukasey.

So why is the attorney general



Kathleen Wilmes  
Guest Columnist

so important to the people of the United States? The nominee must put all personal ideals and political agendas aside for our country's constitutional tasks and be consistent with our laws. He or she is not only the president's lawyer, but America's attorney as well, giving advice when questions of the law arise.

Mukasey is probably one of the best choices presented for the position. Although friction might occur with the conservatives, the nomination

will most definitely cool things down with Congress or at least avoid another fight. Despite the possible friction within the Republican Party, a democratic majority in Congress will make a conservative disruption, as in the case of Harriet Miers, less likely.

It will be interesting to see how Mukasey stands on touchy issues such as appointing U.S. attorneys and wiretapping. I think most eyes will be on him, watching to see if he will follow Washington's agenda or have more of an independent streak.

Obviously the president has an international plan far different from that of Congress. It would

be wise for President Bush, as well as the conservatives, not to pick a fight if it can be avoided, especially in the case of nominations. Mukasey is a choice that can please both republicans and democrats with his spotless credentials as a former federal judge, in which he was praised for his fair rulings.

Hopefully by Oct. 8, the United States will be presented with a new attorney general that can actually put political agendas aside and rule consistently with our constitution and laws, as well as maybe putting a little better outlook upon the Bush administration, something the office has been lacking for quite some time.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Sept. 12  
■ Larceny, car stereo equipment, 2500 Aurora Ave.

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■ Nicholas A. Rosencrans, 21, Maryville, WOW, failure to appear, 400 N. Market

■ Joel C. Hansen, 22, Maryville, DWI, leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident, careless and imprudent driving, 700 W. Cooper

Sept. 13  
■ Recovered property, satellite system, 2600 Aurora Ave.

■ Lost/stolen property, identification cards, 510 Third

Sept. 14  
■ Nicholas J. Silvey, 22, St. Joseph, WOW, failure to appear, 400 N. Market

■ Towed vehicle, black Mazda, 600 N. Fillmore

Sept. 15  
■ Larceny/stealing, ongoing investigation, unknown address

Sept. 16  
■ Property damage, vehicle, 1100 N. College

Sept. 14  
■ Sherry F. Shirley, 72, Maryville, collided with Deborah L. Wall, 44, Pickering, Mo., at the intersection of E. South Ave. and Main Street. Shirley received a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ Megan J. Shisler, 21, Maryville, collided with Eva L. Eskridge, 77, Maryville, at the intersection of Fourth and Water when Eskridge failed to yield.

By Stephen J. Hedges  
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON (MCT)—The Dole Food Co. has recalled nearly 5,000 bags of its Dole Hearts Delight salad mix after a test by a Canadian food safety agency found E. coli bacteria in the product in a Canadian store. The salad mix was also being sold in a number of U.S. states.

No illnesses have been traced to the salad mix, according to Dole spokesman Marty Ordman. He said the bagged, pre-washed salad was made up of romaine lettuce grown in California and Colorado, butter lettuce

from Ohio and green leaf lettuce grown in California.

The recall, initiated Monday, brought to mind a similar but much larger recall when E. coli was found in Dole baby spinach in 2006. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration determined that the 2006 contamination case resulted in 205 confirmed illnesses and three deaths.

E. coli, which can cause stomach cramps, diarrhea and kidney damage, is especially hard on young children and the elderly.

In the latest E. coli case, the presence of the bacteria was discovered during a random test of salad mix taken from a grocery store shelf

By Michael McIntyre  
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## Tasered Florida student caught in worldwide web of controversy

By McClatchy Newspapers

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (MCT)—"We hold these truths to be self-evident."

"Four score and seven years ago."

And now, add this to the lexicon of American democracy:

"Don't Tase me, bro. Don't Tase me."

Andrew Meyer, the University of Florida student from Weston who tested the limits of free speech during an address by Sen. John Kerry, walked out of jail Tuesday and into cyberspace history—an instant, if likely fleeting, celebrity.

Video clips of his fracas with university police officers flashed around the world, viewed more than 400,000 times. Tens of thousands of people debated the issue on Web sites, including more than 700 people on MiamiHerald.com. The American Civil Liberties Union and Amnesty International USA rose to his support.

"Shocking someone who was seemingly little more than a nuisance? That belongs in the Ripley's of poor policing," said Larry Cox, executive director of Amnesty International USA.

The degree to which Meyer, 21, was a nuisance or an opportunistic prankster—and the magnitude of the police response—stood at the center of the worldwide web of discussion as he left jail, was hugged by his father and drove away in his lawyer's SUV.

The charges: resisting an officer with violence and disturbing the peace by disrupting a school activity. His attorney said he would plead not guilty.

The bail: none—he was released on his own recognizance and made no public comment.

The response: immediate and wide, starting on campus and racing around the world.

UF President J. Bernard Machen described the event as "regretful" and said two officers involved in the incident were placed on administrative leave pending an investigation by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

"We're absolutely committed to having a safe environment for our faculty and our students so that a free exchange of ideas can occur," Machen said.

About 100 UF students conducted a protest, holding signs that said: "Trust Betrayed," "Excessive Force" and, of course, "Don't Tase Me, Bro."

"The nation is laughing at us," said student Benjamin Dictor. "And the nation is crying for us, too."

On the small chance that you haven't seen any of the several videos of the event, here is what happened:

As the forum with Kerry came to a conclusion, the Massachusetts Democrat agreed to answer a question from Meyer

even though the Q&A period was supposed to be over.

Meyer launched into a lengthy, somewhat meandering series of questions that included a sexually explicit term and amounted to this: Why did Kerry concede the 2004 presidential election? Why not impeach President Bush?

Was Kerry a member of the same secretive society at Yale University as Bush?

Reminded that he was to ask only one question, Meyer responded: "He's talked for two hours. I think I can have two minutes."

Meyer's microphone was cut off as six police officers attempted to remove him from the room.

During the fray, Meyer uttered the words that now serve as a clarion cry of student protest and free speech, words that will live forever in the memories of millions of ... computers:

"Don't Tase me, bro. Don't Tase me."

Followed by:

"I didn't do anything. Ow! Ow! Ow! Ow! Ow! Ow!"

Asia Johnson, a UF senior who attended the Kerry forum, said she couldn't shake the image of police taking down Meyer.

"They grabbed at him, started pulling him," she said. "The audience was screaming at police. I was screaming. 'Don't Tase him. He didn't do any harm.'"

According to the official police report, Meyer was accompanied to the meeting by a

woman who was there to film him and, as he took the microphone, he asked her: "Are you taping this? Do you have this? You ready?"

The report also said that, after the arrest, Meyer's "demeanor completely changed once the cameras were not in sight. Meyer did ask, at one point, if the cameras were going to be at the jail."

The Internet debate revolved around the relative balance between Meyer's provocative behavior and the police response, with the majority of posters criticizing the officers.

"It was excessive force," one person wrote on Facebook.com, the social networking site. "The Taser shouldn't have been used."

Others argued that Meyer's actions were out of line and disruptive, and he got what he deserved.

"The kid was being obnoxious," wrote another poster. "He had his chance to peacefully ask his question and not go into the tirade he went into."

Kerry also came under criticism from people who thought he should have done more to take control of the situation and cool tensions.

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## TAXI: Local cabbie in business since 1985

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"Dr. (Jeff) Loomis, at the University, and I are always comparing movie quotes," he said with a chuckle.

Loomis considers himself one of Swains frequent customers.

"I call him when I should be walking instead," Loomis said.

The common cab rides give Loomis and Swain a chance to talk movies.

"We talk about what he's watching," Loomis said. "It's really kind of amateur critiquing."

If he wasn't a taxi driver or tending to vacuums, Swain said he would enjoy just being independently wealthy and sit around watching movies all day.

"That's the whole reason this country started, the whole purpose of this county's being was so people can be independent, own their own farm, business, whatever," Swain said.

Overall, Swain enjoys his life being a resource to his fellow citizens.

"I wouldn't be doing it since 1985 if I didn't like it," he said.

## BRUSH: Residents grateful for help

Continued from A1

Bird has lived in the same residence since 1961. She received a phone call from Nally last Tuesday letting her know her house would be painted.

"I think it's the most fabulous thing that ever happened to me in my 89 years," Bird said. "I'm just very grateful and I certainly appreciate all this."

Starting last year the work was divided into two sessions, morning and afternoon.

Matt Smith, first year student at the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing, combined his expertise with community service. While at home he has painted for two and a half years and didn't mind the cool temperatures on Saturday.

"I've painted in 110 degrees, and I've painted in 36 degrees so it's (the weather) not bad," Smith said.

This was student Robert Graham's third year of volunteering for BRUSH.

"I just like helping out any way I can, I think it's a good thing being able to give back to the community in some way," Graham said.

This year's temperature was cooler compared to the previous two which were "sweltering," but Graham said he prefers the cooler weather.

Domino's Pizza provided food for volunteers, True Value donated supplies, Jock's Nitch provided T-shirts, Store of Colors donated paint and all the other supplies were purchased by the Volunteer Center and funding was given to the Volunteer Center.

Nally said she appreciates all those who turned out to help on Saturday.

## ZONING: Residents face concern

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the lot on South Mulberry to accommodate Lifetime's growth and to fulfill its increasing manufacturing and distribution need. With a shipping and manufacturing operation in Maryville and the business's home-office in St. Joseph, Higdon hopes to better two counties at once.

"It's set up for Buchanan County and Nodaway County to both profit as far as taxes and creating jobs," Higdon said. "Both of them are set up to bring income into the communities."

The re-zoning raised concerns for Maryville developer Bill Ingels. Ingels owns several properties near the tract, including a neighboring row of duplexes and one property at South Main Street and Canevine Drive tagged in a 2003 study by the Buxton Company of Fort Worth, Texas, for examination in the next phase of their ongoing study of Maryville's economic development.

Heard other area residents support an annexation of the acreage so that it would have to meet the same zoning requirements as other neighboring lots. Polk Township's regulations fail to require the tract to meet the same state and local standards as surrounding zones, Ingels said.

"If we're going to have a good influx of retail or even manufacturer-type development users, we have to have a quality image," Ingels said. "Without adequate control in your process for development, you're not going to necessarily end up with the quality we're looking for."

Presiding Nodaway County Commissioner Joe Baumli cast the only dissenting vote at the Planning and Zoning committee meeting that initially approved the rezoning going forward. He said it would benefit all involved for the process to pause for closer examination of the issues.

"We welcome Polk into the community," Baumli said. "I just wish that they would take a little more time to stand back and look at it, perhaps spend a little extra money and get this project up to the standards it should be."

Ingels has expressed several concerns for the future use of the property.

Because of the layout of the land and surrounding properties, a lack of storm controls directing water could cause water to run off onto surrounding properties, he said.

In addition, the tract has no existing sewer or water service. The land would have to join the city limits before any building could be permitted to hook into Maryville's water and sewer system.

In the meantime, any facilities would have to set up an on-site septic system. The nearest rural water supply sits at the corner of V-Highway and Icon Road two miles away.

The costs of bringing the property up to code for annexation will postpone that goal for the immediate future, Higdon said.

Higdon views the sequence differently. Planning a facility in detail cannot go forward until she knows the zoning for the property, she said.

"We can't plan anything until we know exactly what we can do with the land," Higdon said. "I read where we're getting the 'cart before the horse.' We bought the land, we went to the zoning board—we did everything in, I feel, consecutive order."

"If we went to the city right now and asked to be annexed and asked for the city to cover these costs, we're talking about a cash outlay," Higdon said. "It's not there. We're probably looking at a three-to-five year plan."

Higdon urged critics of the rezoning to observe the facilities of GIS Paper, Tube and Core—a separate company of which she is president—in Albany, Mo., to gain an impression of her intentions for her acreage.

"The invitation is there for anyone to come and see the building, see how we put it up, see how we put the electric in it," Higdon said. "I'm not going to put inventory in a building that's poorly constructed or that's going to be a fire hazard."

Polk township previously followed more specific guidelines requiring specified dimensions and locations for any buildings, roads and easements on the property annexed in July 2002. The Township Board amended the regulations to repeat those requirements and require a completed application, a minimum distance between any new buildings and the property lines and payment of a proportional fee in December 2002.

Ingels perceives meeting strict regulations local a matter of personal business responsibility.

"The issue I have allowing it to be zoned as a township property, is that there truly are a minimal number of regulations for what they have to do," Ingels said. "To allow somebody to go in there and have somebody build a bunch of buildings that don't meet city codes and then later on effectively have that stuck down your neck because they're already there—that's not good."

Baumli acknowledged the impact of the proposed rezoning on the immediate area but questioned the impact on future business development.

"I think it's not going to have a detrimental effect on retail business in that area," Baumli said. "I think it's going to create problem in the future for Maryville and Nodaway entities. It will come into the city at sometime or another and it's going to have to have some jurisdiction and the proper infrastructure."

Debate of the rezoning has given rise to questioning of the current regulations' effectiveness.

"It made them not only simplistic, but not a realistic set of ordinances that create planned zoning," Baumli said. "It takes the teeth out of a regulatory document."

Ingels explained that experienced developers look to stringent zoning and building regulations as "protections."

"If zoning has no 'teeth' and no requirements, rules or standards that have to be met, how can it be considered protection?" Ingels asked.

Ingels doesn't expect perfection. He wants improvement.

"I'm not looking for a utopia, because I know that's not possible," Ingels said. "But I think we can do a whole lot better."

In her own way, Higdon shares Ingels' community commitment.

"We're not going to do anything to this community that's a detriment because we've lived here all of our lives and we've brought our children up in this community."

## SPORTS | B4

### CHECK OUT WHAT TO WATCH THIS WEEKEND

#### MHS FOOTBALL

## Revenge tour travels onward against Warriors

By Sam Robinson  
Community Sports Editor

After settling scores with Chillicothe and Benton, the Maryville football team faces yet another MEC foe that had its way with them last season.

The 33-7 loss came to a senior-led Smithville squad that went on to finish 9-1.

This season, the landscape is different as the unbeaten Spoofhounds enter as the favorite. The 2007 version of the Warriors is far from the one that scored four first-half touchdowns, as they return only four starters.

Despite their 2-1 record, coach Chris Holt is not ready to put Smithville with the likes of Chillicothe or Benton yet.

"I still believe Chillicothe's the best team we played so far and Benton is pretty close to Chillicothe," Holt said. "Smithville lost a lot of kids to graduation and they really struggled against the Class 2 Lawson school, and they haven't shown a lot of speed on film. (They are) 18 starters removed, so they're definitely a different ball club."

Smithville is coming off wins over LeBlond and Westport, but have many first-year players in starting roles. The Warriors will bring an entirely new backfield to the 'Hound Pound, but do return an imposing receiving threat.

Six-foot-six, 230-pound, tight end Andrew Jones will be Smithville's main target Friday night.

See REVENGE on B3



MALCOLM SWINFORD HAS three TDs this season. He seeks to continue this production Friday, against Smithville.

#### NW VOLLEYBALL

## Up and down match ends in loss, hopeful as they face UCM

By Marcus Meade  
Asst. Sports Editor

Consistent play started too late and ended too early against Washburn as the Northwest volleyball team lost 3-1.

After dropping the first game 30-14 and the second 30-26, Northwest got on the board in game three, beating Washburn 30-28.

"We definitely did make some strides," defensive specialist Nicole Wojtowicz said. "We're learning how to play together and one of these days, we're going to beat one of those ranked teams."

Wojtowicz made her presence known in game three with two key digs during a crucial point late in the game, Northwest coach Anna Tool said.

"I told myself 'you're not going to let anything else drop,'" Wojtowicz said.

During game three, it seemed like the team's inexperience might allow the game to slip away. Washburn tied the score at 28 after being down by two, forcing Tool to take a timeout. She used the time to stress the importance of staying aggressive down the stretch.

The momentum from game three left the 'Cats in game four. They quickly dug themselves a 10-5 hole, eventually losing 30-15.

Inconsistency, service errors and poor communication led to the team's ultimate defeat, Tool said.

"Ball control was non-existent in game one," Tool said. "...To be successful you have to be able to pass the ball consistently."

In last year's final meeting, Northwest defeated Washburn 3-1 at home.

"I think we're a little more talented, but we're not as old," Wojtowicz said of this year's team.

Northwest's inexperience has hindered the team in its losses to ranked teams this year, but Tool said eventually it'll have to gain the experience necessary to win.

"We have to get over being young and expect to be competitive every point of every game," Tool said.

The 'Cats will end their home stand at 5 p.m., Saturday, against No. 5 Central Missouri.

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Northwest Advocates for Animal Awareness hosted a day of tail-wagging fun when faculty brought their pets to campus.

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#### NW FOOTBALL

## Tjeerdsma pleased with 'Super subs' performance

By Brett Barger  
University Sports Editor

No. 10 Northwest didn't miss a beat Saturday night against Missouri Western, even without starting quarterback Josh Mathews and tight end Mike Peterson.

"When you have some starters go down, you have to have other people pick it up a little bit," Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "We really got a great effort from our entire team."

The backups filled their shoes quite well Saturday against Missouri Western. Quarterback Joel Osborn threw for 287 yards and two touchdowns, while tight ends Josh Gannan and Greg Applegate combined for 80 yards on five catches and a touchdown.

"For the guys like Joel, who came in there and played, they did a great job," Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "We couldn't ask

for much more. Especially coming off a loss down at Omaha, it makes you feel good about your football team. I think that says a lot about our depth and I think it makes us a better team."

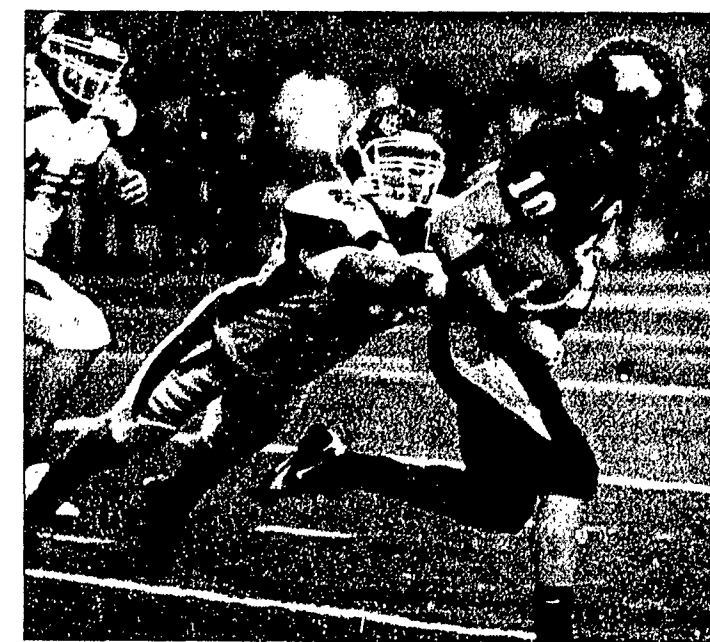
Tjeerdsma said Mathews and Peterson will work out individually and practice with the team, if there are no recurring symptoms. They are listed as day-to-day for Saturday's home opener against Truman State.

"You're just never sure how the body is going to react when you have a concussion, so it's kind of a day-by-day thing," Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdsma said.

Osborn said he'll be ready to play, if called upon once again.

"All I know is that I can come in and prepare like I did last week," Osborn said. "I just need to be ready if I'm called upon."

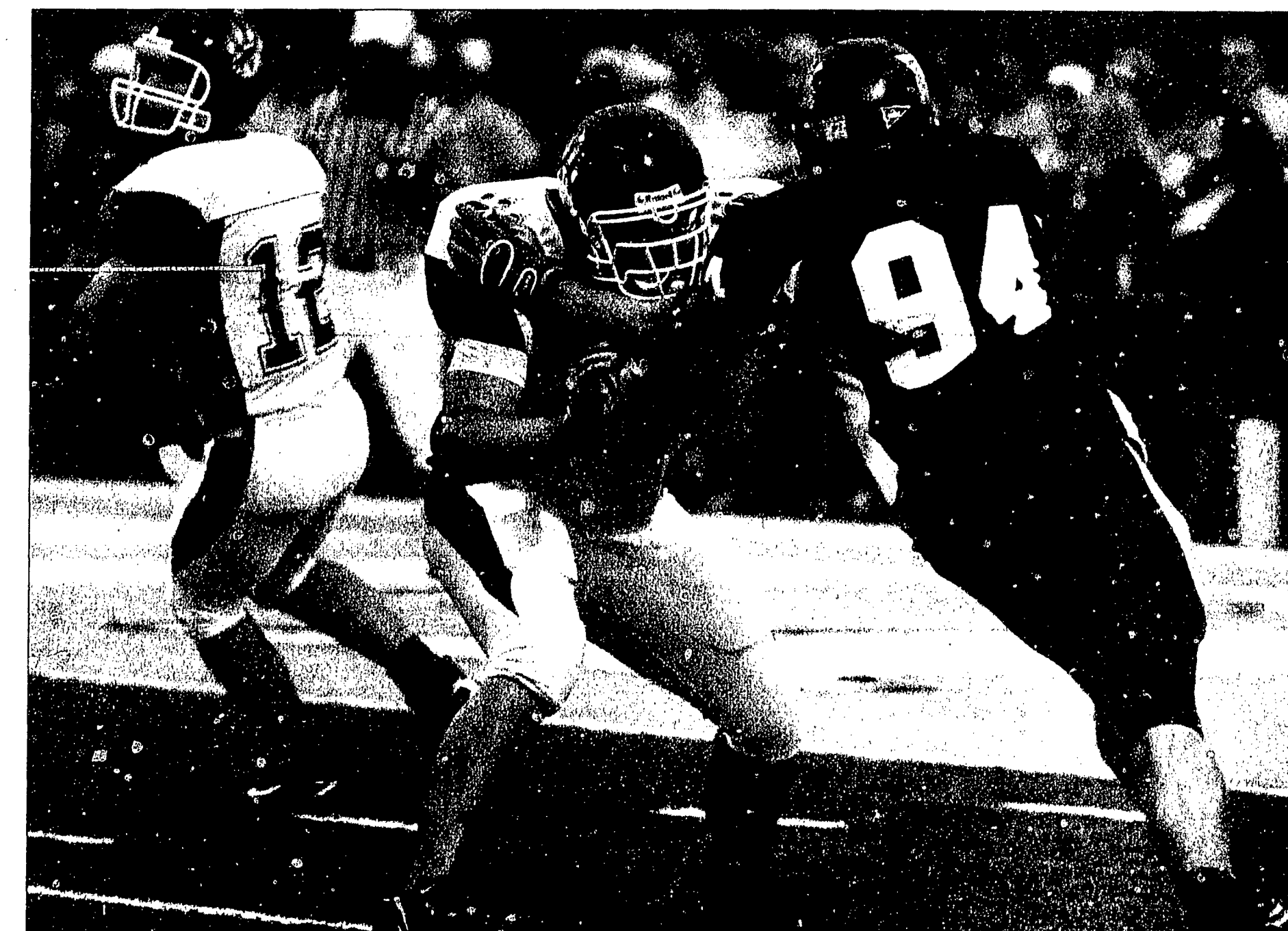
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EVAN WILMES SACKS Missouri Western quarterback Drew Neuhart. Wilmes and the rest of the Bearcats look to take home the Hickory Stick Saturday.

#### NW FOOTBALL SPOTLIGHT

## LAID BACK LINEMAN



AFTER LEAVING FOOTBALL for a year, Kirby has made the most of his decision to return to the sport. He finished with two All-American accolades following last season's national championship appearance.

## All-American lineman finds new home at Northwest

By Scott Levine  
Sports Editor

Reid Kirby vowed never to step on a practice field again.

Only a year removed from starting his college football career at Kansas University, Kirby was through playing football. It was only three days into the 2004 fall camp campaign, but the once highly recruited lineman had decided to give up the sport paying for his education.

However, little did this talented, 300-pound, video-game playing offensive lineman know, that this fateful fall day was just the beginning of his football journey.

Starting over

A touted offensive lineman at Oak Park (Mo.) High School, Kirby committed to Kansas during his junior year. So he packed his bags and headed to Lawrence to don the blue and white colors of Jayhawk nation. But the experience was far from what he expected.

"When I got there, it was so much different than high school," Kirby said. "I wasn't ready mentally. The offensive line coach and I didn't get along. I pretty much hated the guy."

While at Kansas, the easy-going Kirby had trouble making friends, generally sitting by himself in his room. After a year of torment on and off the field, he made a decision affecting his football and

financial future. Kirby's mother, Judy, said she was proud of her son's decision.

"It took a lot of guts to quit," Judy said. "Coming out of having school paid for you, with loans and everything, made the decision hard. But you can't buy happiness."

Ever since sixth grade, Kirby had laced up his football cleats, endured two-a-days and been part of a football team. But in the fall of 2004, he decided to enroll at Maple Woods Community College, a school without a football team.

But Kirby's easy-going attitude allowed for a change of heart during Thanksgiving.

Former Northwest player and childhood friend Brett Clemens invited Kirby to Thanksgiving dinner with his family. Kirby accepted the invitation, and it became a life-altering experience.

Clemens talked about Northwest football, and Kirby decided to meet with coach Mel Tjeerdsma. This led to Kirby accepting a scholarship to play for the Bearcats.

"Well when he came here, it was obvious he had ability," Tjeerdsma said. "It was also obvious he had some bad experiences with football. I was not

See KIRBY on B2

"It's a job to do this, and if I can't get it done, then I can't get it done. You don't see people driving to their office jobs blaming the 'Rocky' music."

—Northwest offensive lineman Reid Kirby



ON SATURDAYS, KIRBY takes on defensive lineman for almost three hours. In his spare time, he prefers playing video games, like Guitar Hero.

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NW SOCCER

# Soccer celebrates first victory of season

By Brett Barger  
University Sports Editor

It couldn't have come at a better time for the Northwest women's soccer team. Tuesday marked the beginning of a five-match home-stand. Northwest entered the match against Wayne State 0-5 on the season.

Amanda Deml and Krista Obley each had a goal as Northwest notched its first win of the season, 2-1.

"It's great for the girls to get that first win," Northwest coach Tracy Hoza said. "Obviously, we've been waiting a while for it. We do have a good team."

Deml's goal came in the 10th minute off an assist from Andrea Freeman. Shannon Fitzgerald's corner kick helped Krista Obley to her season's first goal.

The team found a happy medium between offense and defense Tuesday. They held the 0-4-2 Wildcats to zero shots in the second half and out

shot them 23-4. It had been over a year since Northwest (1-5) had held such an advantage.

"It took us a while to figure out who needed to be where and what formation we needed to be going with," said senior midfielder Amy Jackson. "But, I think we're good now."

While an 0-5 start would leave some teams doubting themselves and their season, Jackson insisted it never got to that point.

"We didn't have any doubts," Jackson said. "We knew it was just going to take time for us to really get together and now it's working and we've got it."

The team continues their home stand as they play winless Emporia State at 2 p.m., Friday, then No. 15 Washburn at 2 p.m., Saturday.

"We're getting back into the old form that we used to have," Hoza said.



FRESHMAN MIDFIELDER Amanda Olah pushes the ball upfield during the second half of Tuesday's match against Wayne State. Northwest won the game 2-1 for its first win of the season.

## KIRBY: More to prove for junior in 2007 season

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sure how sold he was about playing football when I met with him.

"But what he found here was that the people and the coaches cared about him. He didn't have much fun at Kansas, and it's pretty hard to perform when you're not having fun."

### Attitude adjustment

Kirby brought more than football ability to Northwest. He brought a unique attitude on and off the field. Although he did not get along with the students at Kansas, Kirby found it much easier to get along with his teammates and peers at Northwest.

Northwest junior center Matt Nelson summed up Kirby's demeanor in four words.

"He's pretty laid back," Nelson said.

And Nelson's description generally fits those of everyone in contact with Kirby, from his fiancée Lauren Skoch, to his mother Judy. Despite a towering 6-foot-4-inch, 300-pound frame, Kirby is more likely to play soccer with foreign exchange students, jam out to Guitar Hero or square off with 10-year-old Halo players, than get over-hyped for an upcoming game.

So don't expect Kirby to be the master motivator during football games.

"I'm as laid back as I get 10 minutes before the game," Kirby said. "Everybody has their headphones in, yelling, and I'm just sitting back, trying to make the young guys laugh."

"I don't rile myself up like that. It's my job to do this, and if I can't get it done, then I can't get it done. You don't see people driving to their office jobs blaring

the 'Rocky' music."

Getting the job done hasn't been much of a problem for Kirby. Kirby started his Northwest career as an offensive guard. Halfway through the 2005 season, Kirby got the starting nod at the left tackle position after starter Cody Campbell went down with an injury.

Kirby continued starting at the left tackle position during his sophomore year, helping his team to a second consecutive national championship appearance. For his blocking, Kirby was named to two separate All-American teams.

"You could have asked me the day after the national championship game if I was going to get any postseason accolades, and I might have said second team all-conference," Kirby said.

"I really didn't feel like I earned the All-American stuff. My personal goal this

year is to prove that I can do it for real."

With All-American recognition as sophomore, some think Kirby has what it takes at the next level. But that doesn't concern Kirby at the moment.

"I haven't given a lot of thought to it," Kirby said. "I'm not sure it's something I really want to do. I could maybe do it if I really wanted to, but I don't know if that's what I want to do."

Between the postseason accolades and meeting his future wife, Kirby does not regret his fateful decision made three years earlier.

"I felt like I was wasting my talent," Kirby said about sitting out. "I always hear about guys undersized, or that they had injuries, and they wanted to play in college. I didn't want any regrets, so I'm glad I took advantage of this opportunity."

## SUBS: Backups up for task

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We'll just wait and see what happens."

Fullback Brant Gregg returned from a broken finger, but in limited action. LaRon Council has thoroughly wrestled the job from Gregg. In two games, Council has 99 rushing yards, 44 yards receiving and two touchdowns.

"LaRon's really come on and he's earned that spot right now. Brant will contribute too," Tjeerdsma said.

Tjeerdsma added that Council's versatility helped Saturday when he could line up at running back, allowing starter Xavier Omon a breather. While the offense has shown its depth, the defense is looking for extra help with linebacker Tommy Miller and defensive end Tyler Northway a game-time decision. Miller is recovering from a right leg injury, while Northway's sprained foot kept him out of the Nebraska-Omaha game.

"He's really become a solid player for us," Tjeerdsma said. It just hurts us so bad in our depth situation at defensive end."

Saturday's game marks the 73rd edition of the Hickory Stick game. Since Northwest became a national power with national championships in 1998 and 1999 and two more appearances in 2005 and 2006, Tjeerdsma said it has been a challenge conveying to the players the importance of the game.

"Each year, we try and indoctrinate them into the history of it," Tjeerdsma said. "I think the biggest thing for us is that our program has evolved in a different direction. This is going to be a big game and we have to expect the same kind of intensity from them that we had last week at Missouri Western. That same kind of feeling."

Truman finished 6-5 overall with a 6-3 mark in the MIAA last season. The offense revolves around quarterback Matt Tich, who had a 110.78 passer rating and averaged 251 yards a game. He's also a scrambling quarterback, a type of signal-caller that always gives the Northwest defense problems.

"He's very mobile. He can make things happen," Tjeerdsma said. "You always, from a defensive standpoint, always fear guys like that. Those are the tough guys to play against."

Through two games, Truman's defense didn't look formidable, giving up 31 points against Missouri-Rolla and Upper Iowa. Saturday, the Bulldogs held Central Missouri to a 27-7 loss. Northwest defeated Truman, 31-10, last year in Kirksville, but in 2005, the Bulldog defense held the offense to 17 points in a 17-0 loss.

"They always come here, playing with a lot of intensity and emotion," Tjeerdsma said. "Teams like that are dangerous. We're going to have to be ready for them."

NW GOLF



FRESHMAN SARAH Hayes sinks a bogey putt on the par-4 13th hole at Mozingo Lake Golf Course Sept. 13 at the Bearcat Invitational. Saturday, at the Graceland Invitational, Hayes led Northwest with a third-place finish.

NW CROSS COUNTRY

## O'Brien leads women to 8th place

The Northwest men and women's cross country teams squared off against more than 600 runners during the Sept. 15 meet at the UNL/Woody Greeno Invitational. The women finished eighth overall, while the men placed 14th.

Anna O'Brien registered a 30th

place finish in a time of 23:25.55, while Kara Spader finished 52nd in a time of 24:00.10.

For the men, Ben Chappell placed 66th in a time of 27:07.35 and T.R. Pursell finished 73rd at 27:19.85.

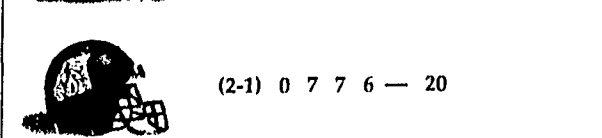
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# BEARCATS

## SCORE BY QUARTER

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## TEAM STATISTICS

Bearcats	Griffons
489	Total yards
73	Total plays
3-45.7	Punts-average
10-93	Penalties-yards
1-1	Fumbles-lost
287	Passing yards
6-42	Sacked-yardslost
19-26-0	Comp.-Att.-Int.
202	Rushing yards
47	Total rushes
4.3	Average Gain
25	First Downs
11	Rushing
12	Passing
	Penalties-Yards
7-13	Third Downs
0-0	Fourth Downs

## PLAYER STATISTICS

Rushing	No	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Xavier Omon	28	139	19	120	3	16	4.3
LaRon Council	11	80	0	80	0	18	7.3
Sheldon Cook	5	5	8	-3	0	4	1.5
Blake Bolles	3	5	0	5	0	4	1.7
Totals...	38	142	26	116	1	10	3.1

Passing	Att	Comp	Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Joel Osborn	26	19	0	287	2	41	0
Totals...	26	19	0	287	2	41	0

Receiving	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Kendall Wright	4	85	0	41
Josh Gannan	4	67	0	26
Xavier Omon	4	56	0	33
EJ. Falkner	3	28	0	15
Paris Elam	2	31	0	17
Greg Applegate	1	13	1	13
LaRon Council	1	7	1	7
Totals...	19	287	2	41

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20
Michael Stadler	3	137	45.7	53	1
Totals...	3	137	45.7	53	1

Punts Kickoffs									
All Returns	No.	Yds.	Lg	No.	Yds.	Lg	No.	Yds.	Lg
Kendall Wright	2	19	19	2	22	16	0	0	0
Bill Baudler	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Sheldon Cook	0	0	0	1	21	21	0	0	0
Totals...	1	6	6	4	90	30	0	0	0

Field goal attempts				
Tommy Frevert	2nd	00:03	36 yds - Missed	
Tommy Frevert	4th	07:31	42 yds - Good	

Defense	T-A	Sack	Int.
Jared Erspamer	4-5	1	0
Matt Robertson	4-2	0.5	0
Chris LeFlore	4-2	0	0
Sean Paddock	3-3	0.5	0
Ike Urum-Eke	3-2	0.5	0
Corri Hane	3-0	1	0
T.J. Kaatman	3-0	0	0
Evan Wilmes	3-0	0	0
Myles Burdick	2-1	0	0
Brandon Clayton	2-0	0	0
Justin Welch	2-0	0	0
Chris Termini	2-0	0	0
Ryan Jones	2-0	0	0
Terry Bilbro	1-1	0	0
Marcus Martin	1-1	0	0
Paul Flynn	0-2	0	0
Jonard	1-0	0	0
Kins	1-0	0	0
Koster-Rettig	0-0	0	0
Inde	0-1	0	0

**Highlights**  
First-quarter touchdowns built a 21-0 lead.  
Joel Osborn threw for 287 yards and two touchdowns in his first career start.  
A stadium-record 9,007 fans filled Spratt Stadium.

# SPOOFHOUNDS

MHS SOCCER

## Late goal by Talmadge secures MEC victory

By Marcus Meade  
Asst. Sports Editor

The Maryville soccer team experienced two vastly different halves Tuesday against Chillicothe.

In the first, they scored three goals. In the second, they allowed three and scored one to squeak out a 4-3 win.

"We did win it 4-3, but we let down really seriously in the second half," Maryville coach Stuart Collins said.

The team's saving grace came because of a late goal by forward Klay Talmadge who already had two.

"We were all pretty happy. We were pretty excited," Talmadge said. "But we shouldn't have had to have a game winner like that."

Hounds strikers notched three goals in the first half, and the team went into halftime with a 3-0 lead.

The problem is they lost their cohesiveness in the second half, Collins said.

Chillicothe took advantage of the 'Hounds' second half performance and scored three goals.

"They kept their individual intensity," Collins said. "But we let down as a team."

The 'Hounds' got away from communicating and playing their style of soccer, Collins said, and thinks their first half success may have been the cause.

Though Maryville was out of sync in the second half, Collins praised Chillicothe's resilience. "Chillicothe, you have to give them credit," Collins said. "They came out and got after it, and played hard."

The Chillicothe victory came a day after the 'Hounds' buried Cameron 11-1.

Steven Scheffe scored six goals and Jon Rogers added six assists to stamp their names in the Maryville High School record books for goals in a single game, and assists in a single game respectively.

Maryville's season continues at 4 p.m. today, against Savannah.



KLAY TALMADGE (3) HAS BEEN A FORCE ON THE SPOOFHOUNDS SOCCER TEAM THIS SEASON. Talmadge registered the game-winning goal Tuesday, giving him three for the game.

MHS VOLLEYBALL

## Third game proves troublesome against conference foe Chillicothe

By Jarod Clarke  
Missourian Reporter

Despite coming off of a conference win against Lafayette last Thursday, the Maryville volleyball team fell in three games to Chillicothe on the road Tuesday night.

In a game where trust is an important part of being successful, the Spoofhounds played OK, coach Lori Klaus said.

"I thought we were the better team tonight, but we didn't seem to trust each other on the floor," Klaus said. "We need to work on communication and trusting one another, because that is the only way we are going to do well."

Maryville played a close first game, but could not stay with Chillicothe as they fell 25-19. In the second game, the 'Hounds' gathered their composure and pulled out the win, 25-21, to pull even with Chillicothe and force a third game.

In the third game, the 'Hounds' were holding their own until late in the game when the

Hornets scored five straight points.

"I called a timeout and told the girls that they have to want every point to pull out the win," Klaus said.

It was back and forth at the end, but the 'Hounds' could not recover as Chillicothe took the third game 25-18.

Sophomore middle blocker Jordan Stiens led the 'Hounds' in kills, recording 10 in the three games. Stiens recorded her kills with the help of setter Jennifer Seipel, who notched 16 assists, which gives her 151 on the season—a team high.

"In an away game like tonight's, it's hard to get pumped up when the gym is dead, and there is no home crowd to cheer for you," senior middle blocker Jayme Mattson said. "It is important that our team gets pumped up before a game if we want to keep focused."

The 'Hounds' overall record drops to 8-7-1, and their conference record remains at 1-1.

The 'Hounds' play again at 5 p.m. today, against Camceton at home.

## REVENGE: Recruit poses problems

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The senior is the 17th ranked tight end in the country and has verbally committed to the University of Missouri-Columbia.

"I think we're going to kind of do what Lawson did," Holt said. "We're going to jam him at the line of scrimmage and sometimes, we will actually double cover him in certain situations. He did a pretty good job against us last year, so he appears to be their major threat right now. We're just going to have to make them beat us with somebody else."

Quarterback Andy Walter, who notched season highs in completions (16) and yards (201), is confident Smithville will make him put the ball in the air.

"I'm pretty sure they'll probably try and take away our run game since that's what we're better at and try to make us throw," Walter said.

While the Warriors have a Division I bound threat, they will likely have to contend with the MEC's leading rusher, Adam Mattson, who has 389 yards and six touchdowns through three games. Senior Malcolm Swinford also rushed for two touchdowns against Benton. Linebacker Tyler Ogelsby paced the team in tackles with 6 1/2 in his first game back from injury.

Holt said the difference Friday could be how Smithville handles the multi-faceted attack his team presents.

"We present problems for people (because) if you're going to stop Adam (Mattson) or you're going to try and stop Swinny (Swinford) or you're going to try to stop our receivers, we've just got too many other kids that we can go to," he said. "If they want to take one away, we'll attack them with one of our other three or four."

Homecoming night's kickoff is Friday at 7 p.m.

MHS SOFTBALL

## Defensive lapses lead to end of lengthy winning streak

By Sam Robinson  
Community Sports Editor

Had the first inning been erased, the Maryville softball team would have a win over a 17-1 opponent.

But, the error-filled inning doomed the Spoofhounds (12-2, 5-1 MEC) Monday night, as the Jefferson Eagles scored all of their runs in the top of the first in a 5-3 victory.

'Hounds' hurler Megan Walker was tagged with the loss despite allowing only two hits, both in the first inning, and no earned runs.

Coach Jacqui Conn told her team a state-caliber team like Jefferson cannot be handed runs.

"If you take away the first inning completely, we would've won 3-0," Conn said. "I told the girls there was no shame in losing to Jefferson, because they are a good team, however you can't expect to have that many errors against a good team and not expect it to hurt you."

While the errors put the Eagle runners on base, a two-run double by Heather Simmerman drove them in. Consecutive botched tags at home plate contributed to two additional Jefferson runs as the nightmare inning ended with Maryville down four runs.

Walker managed to recover from her team's erroneous start, shutting the Eagles out the rest of the way.

Despite her defense's one-game lapse, Walker views it as the main reason for the team's surprising season.

"Our defense is a lot of the reason why we're doing really good," Walker said. "When I'm not pitching good, they're always behind me to pick me up. Our hitting is good but I think (the reason) is really our defense."

The Gadbois sisters, Jordan and Taylor, each slapped extra-base hits and scored, but the 'Hounds' couldn't

quite turn those runs into rallies.

Conn said Walker is having a solid season and the loss shouldn't be placed on her shoulders.

"She's doing a very good job and she has a very low ERA," she said. "She was doing her job in the first inning and they (Jefferson) were putting the ball in play, but it's not like they were crushing her. The runs people are getting off her are pretty much from errors. We put up the three runs, and three runs should be enough to win a game when she's pitching like that."

Last Thursday, Maryville notched another conference win with a 2-0 defeat of Smithville.

Both pitchers tossed six scoreless innings before Maryville's freshman catcher platoon broke the tie in the final frame.

Catcher/designated player Dru Coleman singled and flex player Erica Espey came around to score on catcher Jordan Wallace's single. Walker completed her homecoming game shutout by closing out the Warriors in the seventh.

Tuesday's Platte County game was rescheduled for this coming Tuesday.

Maryville's MEC stretch continues at 4:30 p.m., today, at Benton. Saturday, they face King City, Trenton and Mid Buchanan in the Mid Buchannan Tournament.

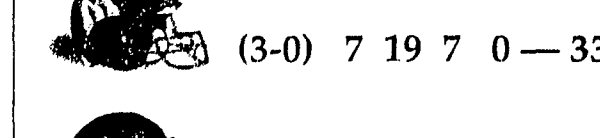
The 'Hounds' beat Benton 2-0 earlier this year and Conn hopes her team can finally put a complete game together.

"When we played them the first time, it was another one of those games when the defense showed up but the offense showed up just enough to win," she said. "It wasn't one of those games where we were putting everything together. We're still waiting for that to happen. Hopefully it happens when districts come around."

## SCORE BY QUARTER

(3-0) 7 19 7 0 — 33

(0-2) 0 6 6 14 — 26



## TEAM STATISTICS

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Spoofhounds		Cardinal
23	First downs	1
226	Rushing-yards	7
201	Passing-yards	15
4-35	Penalties	5-3
4	Turnovers	









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PIT BULL TERRIERS, Jasmine (left) and Roxie (right), take a break from all the excitement at Dog Days on Campus. Jasmine and Roxie were featured in the Northwest Missourian last spring in an article about Northwest Advocates for Animal Awareness. The NWAAA held fundraisers for Jasmine and her family so Jasmine could receive surgery for her hip dysplasia.

## The last doggie days of summer



To help new students adjust to Northwest, Northwest's Advocates for Animal Awareness hosted Dog Days on Campus Sept. 10 and 13 at the Bell Tower. NWAAA members, and faculty and staff brought their dogs to campus to meet and greet new students.



NORTHWEST COMMUNICATION, theatre and languages instructor Paco Martinez plays tug-of-war with his dog, Morocco. Martinez is an active faculty co-sponsor of Northwest Advocates for Animal Awareness. Many other faculty and students turned up at the Bell Tower to show their support.

